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Eric Overstreet
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Ref: Leupold Vendetta Rangefinder

Dear Mr. Overstreet:

The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish has received numerous calls from hunters asking if the bow-mounted Leupold Vendetta rangefinder is legal for use in the state of New Mexico.

The legal definition of a "bow and arrow" in New Mexico is as follows: Bows include compound, recurved, and longbows. Sights on bows may not magnify targets or project light. Arrows must have broadheads (fixed or mechanical) with steel cutting edges. No drugs may be used on arrows. Arrows cannot be driven by explosives.

The Vendetta rangefinder is not a sight and works the same as any hand-held rangefinder allowing the hunter to accurately estimate distances to the target. The only difference being that the Vendetta rangefinder is actually mounted to the riser of the bow allowing the hunter the opportunity to get an accurate distance estimate to the target while drawing the bow.

Therefore based upon the current legal definition of a "bow and arrow" within the state of New Mexico the use of the Vendetta bow-mounted rangefinder is legal. Please keep in mind that hunting and fishing regulations change periodically and it is the responsibility of hunters and anglers to check for changes prior to engaging in such activities.

Sincerely,

Chris Chadwick, Acting Chief
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